

TALK AGAINST WHITE FIGHT

Many Writers Don't
Seem to Like It.

History of British Boxer and
His Performances in
Ring.

Naughton Says He Comes Under
Adverse Circumstances to San
Francisco.

Jabez White's ring history is given below, together with characteristic comment on his coming match with James Edward Britt. The clippings voice the sentiment of most American ring followers:

Jabez White, the light-weight champion of England, is perhaps one of the most popular men in Albion today, as far as boxing circles are concerned. White was born in Birmingham in 1874, but not of fighting stock, Jabez's father being a jeweler and a very keen sportsman. White would pass for a well-dressed bank clerk, his quiet-looking face having none of the boxer's trademarks about it.

He is 5 feet 8 inches high and commenced boxing in 1894, when little over six stone (84 pounds) in weight. His first appearance was made at a tournament at London, when he defeated Ted Marlow in six and George Edge in three rounds. White scaling well within the bantam limit. He then met and defeated Charlie Mack, but in the final was outpointed in an extra round by Ted Beach, the latter being awarded the tournament trophy.

In no way dismayed, White practiced and about twelve months later (October, 1895), at another tournament held in London, after defeating Con Barrett and Bill Parsons, lost to Sid Scales on points.

Wins and Losses.

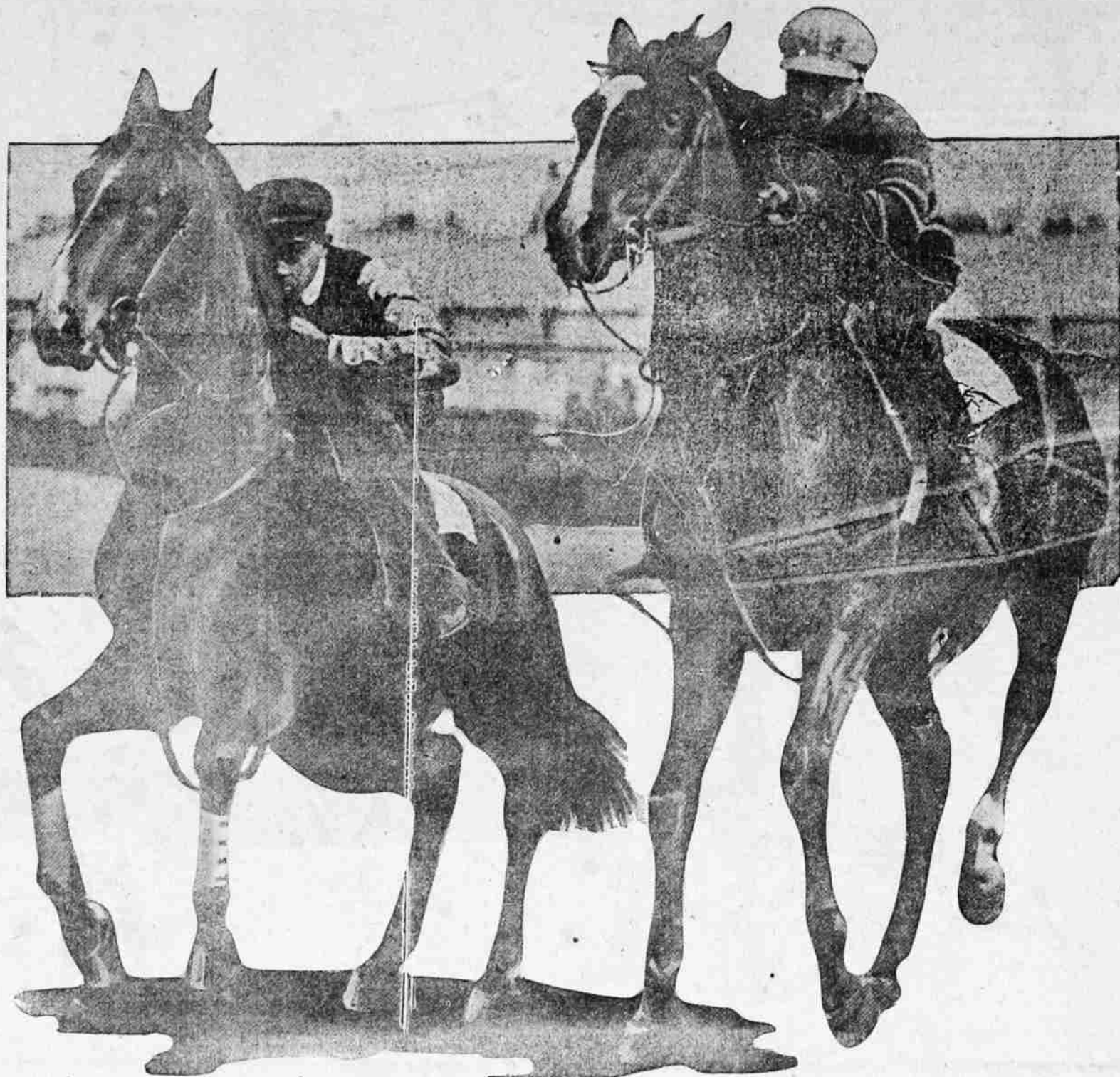
On the opening of the Olympic club, Birmingham, White met and defeated Charlie Tongue, but lost to Charlie Simpson in ten rounds. In a return match with the latter for a purse of \$250 at the Olympic club White won easily in six rounds. His next customer was a Birmingham boxer named Harvey Cheekets, whom he met for a purse of \$375. He knocked out his opponent in the eighth round. He also knocked out Bob Ford in two rounds, and then flew at higher game, when he met George Coefield of Sheffield at Curzon hall, Birmingham. In September, 1897, \$750 depending on the result. He knocked out Coefield (who had made such a fine showing against Billy Plimmer) in the fifth round.

Match With Sears.

After defeating Dick Higgins in four rounds he was matched to box Mike Sears of Boston, Mass., twenty rounds at 12 pounds before the London National Sporting club. White being declared the winner in the twelfth round, when Sears was all but out.

His next customers were Dave Newell, whom he defeated in nine rounds, and Dave Wallace, in eight.

White's match with Ben Jordan, the holder of the English feather-weight title, fell through by reason of the former having taken on weight and could not make the special limit. He, how-



DAVY JOHNSON'S SPEEDY SPRINTER.

The accompanying picture is a snapshot of "Roseben," Davy Johnson's speedy sprinter (on the left), breaking with a stable companion for a half-mile time trial. "Roseben" is expected to do big things during the coming metropolitan season.

ever, did not remain idle long, and signed to box Harry Greenfield before the London National Sporting club for \$500 a side and the National purse. White stopped his opponent in the eighth round with a body punch. He then easily knocked out Bill Chester at the National in nine rounds, while he beat "Spiker" Sullivan twice on points at the same club. A proposed match with Eddie Connolly of America fell through, and then came a reversal at the hands of Will Curlew of Newcastle. White has also boxed a twenty-round draw with Jim Curran at Birmingham, though the majority of the spectators at this match thought White ought to have had the decision.

The English champion runs the "Fox and Grapes" inn, close to Birmingham, is happily married and is the father of an embryo champion.

Britt No Champion.

Important as the coming of White will be, it will yet lack one point of interest. One of the fighters, Britt, is not a title-holder. James Edward has made many a claim to being light-weight champion of America, but that little

"lost to Joe Gans on a foul" in his record keeps his claim from being good. The bout, then, will settle no world's championship. White has the qualifications to fight for such a title, but Britt lacks his part. At that, the winner is likely to be hailed as a title-holder by many fight followers. It is certain that the manager of each will claim world honors for his man.

White impressed those of us here who saw him as a grand looking pugilist. His weight seemed evenly distributed. His shoulders looking especially good. He has the "fighting eye," too, and altogether looks like a well assembled fighting machine.—Malachy Hogan, in Chicago Record-Herald.

Everything points to a most successful season on the Northern circuit, comprising Seattle and Portland. A number of horsemen that usually ship eastward have signified their intention of going North. No horseman can expect to go on the Northern circuit and come home with a million dollars, but there is one thing sure and certain and that is he can ship there, race all summer, make a good living and return here with his horses in grand shape.

George Siler on James E. Britt

Veteran Publishes Letter That Makes
Mighty Interesting Reading
for Fight Fans.

No less authority than George Siler has published a letter from Nolan that goes to show Nelson's manager was at least honest in making accusations against Jimmy Britt. The latter says some things about the coming Britt-White match. These same accusations are repeated in a letter recently written to an old-time fight follower now in Salt Lake.

Here is what Siler says in the Chicago Tribune: "Nolan's denouncement of the Britts' (Jimmy and Willie) methods of transacting their pugilistic business was the sensation in pugilism last week. Nolan did not beat about the bush nor did he leave San Francisco to accuse the Britts of requesting him to have his protégé, Battling Nelson, 'lay down' in case he (Nelson) and Jimmy should meet in the ring.

Instead, he came right out in the meeting and spoke his little piece loud enough to be heard all over the English-speaking world. His letting the cat out of the bag after he had learned that Britt would not fight his protégé made his startling accusation appear as if it were a case of 'sour grapes' and that his denouncing of Britt's reputation as a courageous and honest fighter was a malicious lie. A letter from Nolan, dated March 11 and addressed to Jack Curlew, will attest that his accusation was undoubtedly built on facts. The letter follows:

"Friend Jack—Well, we are now trying to arrange a match with Britt, and it would open your eyes to hear of the outlandish propositions he wants. He has been used to dictating to every one with whom he did business and has made a certain club manager, Coffroth, transact

his business. To tell you the truth, he will not do business on the square and wants to have the shade, which I will not give him. He knows that I can get as much, if not more, than he can in Frisco. Now, he will not fight unless we agree to draw or I (meaning Nelson) to go out to him, but I will not agree to either of these propositions. I will have to force him to fight through public opinion. I will not be surprised if, in a day or two, he will announce that he will fight Jabez White. This was 'framed up' over six weeks ago, so you can bet \$100 to a nickel on Britt and that the decision is in now. You can surmise from where I get my information. Britt has given out the information that he will fight for Coffroth's club only, and can you blame him?"

Spalding's Guide Just Sent Out

Minor Leagues Given Good Showing;
Pacific National Is Taken
Care Of.

Spalding's Official Baseball Guide for 1905 has just been issued. It is its twenty-ninth year, and it is, as usual, edited by Henry Chadwick. "The Father of Baseball." The Guide this year is the largest baseball guide that has ever been published and is complete in every way. The minor leagues are accorded more space than the National and American combined. The season's work in each being reviewed by some writer conversant with the state of affairs in his respective territory. Max, the South Atlantic league by Charles W. Boyer, president of the league; the Connecticut league by Dick Howell, the Cotton States league by Frank P. Cashman, secretary of the league; the Western Association of Professional Baseball clubs, formerly known as the Missouri Valley league, by Dr. D. M. Shively, the president; the Iowa State league by Paul Matthews, of Burlington; the Delta league by C. C. Briggs, the Pacific Coast league by H. L. Bagley. Other contributors to the Guide this year are: C. W. Satchel, on the Southwestern league; C. M. Scott of Grand Forks, N. D., on the Northern league; and C. H. Abner, on the Texas league. The individual averages of each league are given in full in each instance.

The Guide for 1905 contains the playing rules as adopted by the National league, American league, and National Association of Professional Baseball leagues. The schedules are also published, as well as scores of college baseball games.

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cured, but you need not pay me
until I cure you.



You can talk with the men and women who have been cured by my treatment, and that's worth considering. I might preach for years in my efforts to gather converts to my way of curing disease, and nobody would pay any attention to my arguments; but when I tell you I have cured your neighbor, Mr. Walker, or your old friend, Mr. Williams, and you can go and ask them about me, and they tell you I have cured them, then I have given you proof, and you know that I do all I can.

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JESSE TYE, Fillmore City, Utah.

Dr. McLaughlin.
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TO RACE FOR MANY PRIZES

International Yachting Is Booming.

American, Canadian, British
and German Craft to
Meet.

America's Cup Contest Isn't Alone
Any More as a Big
Event.

International yachting will form a great part of the programme of that sport this season. The international ocean race, the Canada's cup races, the Savannah cup races, the racing in British waters, in which the Hershoff 32-rater will meet boats by Pye and Milne, and other big races on the other side will bring together American, British, Canadian and German

America cup contest brought together again, with the added competition of another whose name is still to make in international racing, and granting the difference in the size of the yachts engaged, it would puzzle any one to say why the sport in this class should be less interesting than that provided in a contest for the America cup.

This is one manner in which the international yachting will be introduced into the sport of the coming season. Another will be witnessed in the fight for the possession of the Canada's cup, and another test has features which will add much to its ordinary interest. Here, again, the leading designers of America and Britain will be found in opposition. It has long been a charge against the conditions which rule the America cup that the absolute lack of restriction upon the type of yacht produced for the purpose of the contest is fatal to the best interests of the sport.

Canada Cup Contest.

"Notwithstanding the persistence with which this view has been advanced, American friends have not so far shown any inclination to experiment with a greater degree of restriction, and have had to wait the coming of this 32-rater to see the American designer under such restrictions as have recommended themselves to the yachting men of this country. The Canada's cup contest promises to push our knowledge much further in the same direction. Pye, Hershoff and Milne are all engaged, or have been engaged, upon yachts for this contest, and the rule given them to work under seems at the first glance to contain all the restrictions ever suggested for the tying up of the British designer with a few others which are purely Canadian in their ingenuity and their disregard of all the conventions.

Designer Is Restricted.

"Length, overhang and beam are all laid down in the cast iron scale, from which no deviation is possible, and in addition to these the draught, freeboard, canvas, even down to the height of the coach roof—which our Canadian friends still reckon an indispensable adjunct to a cup racer—are all set out in detail. The leading elements in the design of the hull are therefore served out cut and dried and ready for use. It would still be possible for the designer to do some things for himself in the matter of construction, but this possibility has also been kept in view and met by the imposition of a scale of scantlings of such exceedingly generous proportions that no whisper of a charge could ever be against the solidity of their build.

"In these three contests, therefore, the American cup, the Canada's cup and the racing of our own 32-foot class, we shall have object lessons of designing and racing—that in which restriction is practically non-existent, that in which it is applied in modified form, and that in which the designers are pinned down to practically every restriction which it has occurred to the mind of man to invent. Among them there should be data of much value to some side when the question of the America cup contest comes next under discussion."

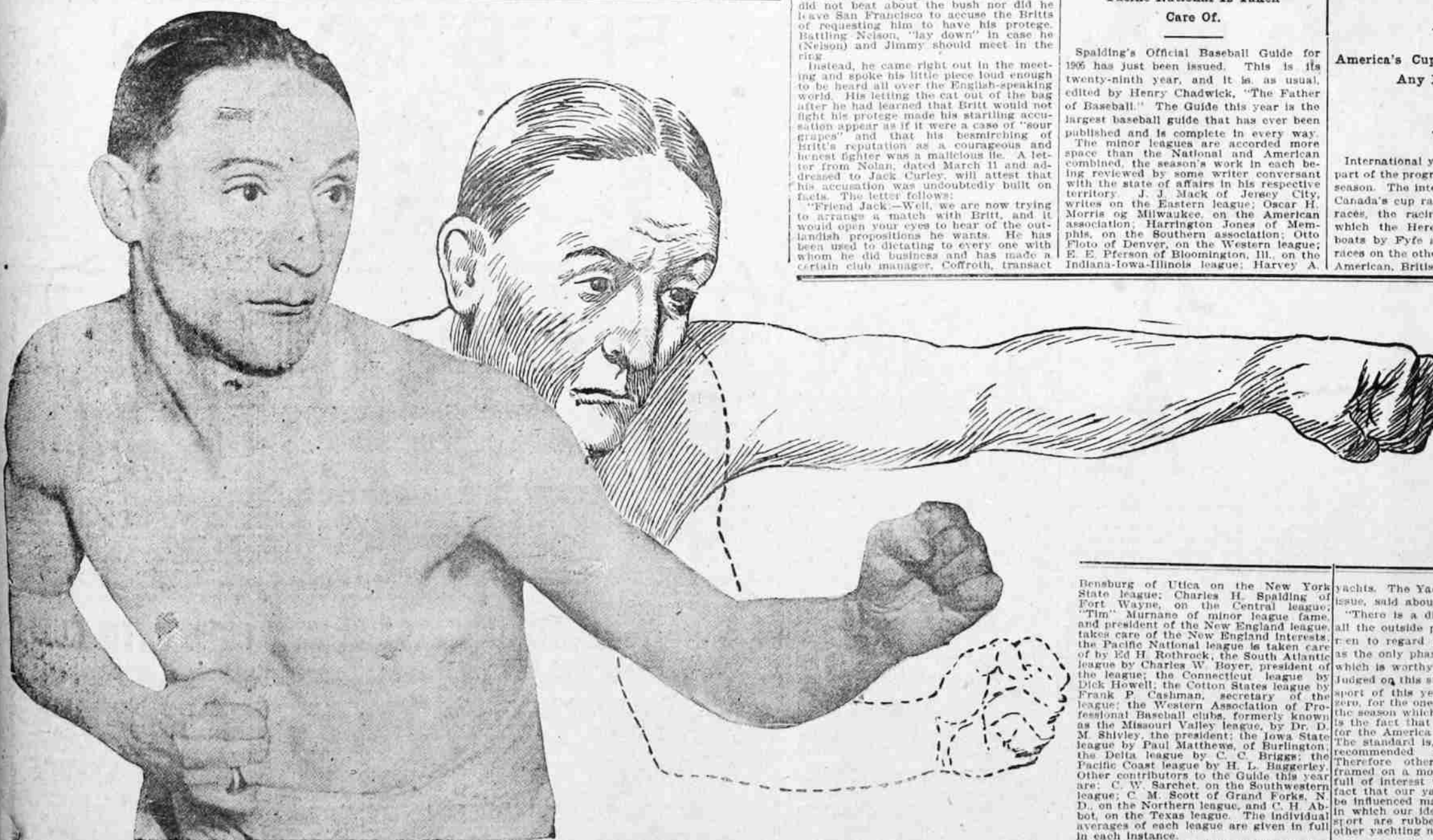
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JABEZ WHITE, PUGILIST.

Photo-diagram of Jabez White, the English champion, showing his most effective blows. The English boxer holds his left arm half extended, with the palm perpendicular with his body. From this position he is ready for either a stab to the head or a hook to the stomach.